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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7188

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 2959

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

REF: OTTAWA 2917, 2927 AND 2943

1. AS THE RESULT OF EXTORTION ATTEMPTS DIRECTED AT THIS EMBASSY, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INSTALLED A TELEPHONE TAP ON RSO CLEMMONS' OFFICE AND HOME TELEPHONES ON AUGUST 6. AT 4:43 P.M. THE SAME DAY THE UNIDENTIFIED CALLER PHONED THE RSO AND REQUESTED HE PROCEED TO THE CONSULATE IN MONTREAL WHERE HE WOULD CALL AGAIN BETWEEN 6:30 AND 7:00 P.M. HE REPEATED THE THREAT OF A BOMB EXPLOSION IN N.Y. CITY AT 8:16 P.M. IF THE DEMAND OF PAYMENT OF \$2 MILLION WAS NOT MET. THE CALLER CLAIMED TO BE PHONING FROM MONTREAL, HOWEVER THE PHONE TRACE SHOWED THE CALL HAD BEEN MADE FROM THE LA GONDOLA RESTAURANT AT 188 BANK STREET IN OTTAWA.

2. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE THROUGH COOPERATION OF THE MUC POLICE IN MONTREAL TO HAVE A POLICE OFFICER ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A MEETING WITH THE SUBJECT. AT THE SAME TIME TWO OTTAWA POLICE OFFICERS WERE DESPATCHED TO THE OTTAWA RESTAURANT IN THE HOPE THE CALLER WOULD USE THE SAME PUBLIC TELEPHONE. AT 6:45 P.M. THE CONSULATE DID RECEIVE A CALL FROM THE SUBJECT. UNFORTUNATELY THE MONTREAL POLICE OFFICER HAD A RATHER HEAVY FRENCH-
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CANADIAN ACCENT AND THE SUBJECT REFUSED TO AGREE TO A

MEETING OR ENGAGE IN A PROLONGED CONVERSATION. ALSO, THE POLICE SURVEILLANCE AT THE RESTAURANT AT THE TIME OF THE CALL WAS UNPRODUCTIVE. PERSONNEL IN BOTH THE EMBASSY AND THE CONSULATE REMAINED UNTIL 8:30 P.M. AT WHICH TIME THE WATCH WAS DISCONTINUED AFTER NO FURTHER CALLS WERE RECEIVED.

3. LEGATT WAS ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS AND AN IMMEDIATE CABLE WAS SENT BY THAT OFFICE TO THEIR APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN THE U.S. AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.

4. THE FOLLOWING DAY BOTH TELEPHONE TAPS AND TAPE RECORDERS WERE DISCONNECTED AND RETURNED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONE OTTAWA DETECTIVE WILL REPLAY THE 4-1/2 MINUTE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE SUBJECT AND THE RSO TO THE RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES IN THE HOPE OF SOMEONE RECOGNIZING HIS VOICE.

5. THE OTTAWA POLICE HAVE OFFERED COPIES OF THE SUBJECT'S TAPED CONVERSATION IF REQUESTED.

6. COMMENT: IT IS GENERALLY AGREED BY ALL PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS INCIDENT THAT IT INVOLVED A LONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MALE FRENCH-CANADIAN. IT IS ALSO FELT ALL TELEPHONE CONTACTS WERE MADE IN OTTAWA BY THIS SUBJECT. HIS INCLUSION OF THE CONSULATE IN MONTREAL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A RUSE TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT BY THE AUTHORITIES AND TO CREATE CONFUSION AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS. PORTER

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